

REMARKS

The Applicant is grateful for the allowable subject matter. Based on the Examiner's suggestion, the Applicant has rewritten claims 8 and 10 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The remaining claims 1-7, 9 and 11-20 stand cancelled.

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, and the immediate allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant's Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the Undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number **03-3975**.

The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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